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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/036,982  
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Our Docket # F-423

Enclosed please find a response to the June 22, 2005 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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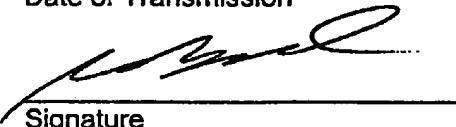
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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter and Fee (2 pages); and
2. Amendment in Response to June 22, 2005 Office Action (8 pages).

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Filed: December 31, 2001	)
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Title: **SYSTEM FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF HARMFUL MATERIALS IN INCOMING MAIL STREAM**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

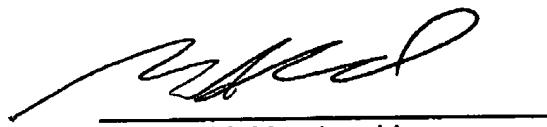
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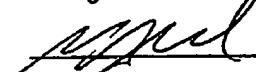
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the June 22, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due September 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.

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